

MINUTES

PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK

WORK EXAMINING BOARD

OCTOBER 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson at 9:04 a.m. in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present:

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| Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson | Unlimited Contractor |
| James Piccoli | Unlimited Contractor |
| Christopher M. Bowman | Unlimited /General Contractor |
| George C. Sima | Well Drilling Contractor |
| Frank J. DaCato | Unlimited Journeyman |
| John R Damico | Unlimited Journeyman |
| Anthony Calandrino | Unlimited Journeyman |
| Joyce Topshe | Public Member |

Members Absent:

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| Hubert J. Barnes | Unlimited Journeyman |
| Carl W. Schaefer | Public Member |
| Melissa Sheffy | Public Member |

Board Vacancies:

One Public Member

Dept. of Consumer Protection:

Karen Layman, Secretary
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Dept. of Labor:

Kenneth Duff, Gina Knox

Public present:

None

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The draft minutes of September 12, 2013 were accepted by the Board as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPEARING IN PERSON TO SEEK GUIDANCE:

Alberto Peguero, Stamford, CT

Mr. Peguero was unable to attend this meeting.

APPLICATIONS:

Bradford Piesco, West Bridgewater, MA – (P-1) Unlimited Contractor – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Piesco's application due to lack of a required (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman license for a minimum of two years.

APPLICATIONS ADDED TO AGENDA BY BOARD VOTE:

Dennis Cogley, Killingworth, CT – (P-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted to deny Mr. Cogley's application due to lack of proof of amount of required registered on-the-job training hours. Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr. abstained from voting.

Joseph Hansen, Newtown, CT – (J-2) Limited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Hansen's application due to lack of proof of the required hours of school-related instruction for the (J-2) license type.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Achieving proper enforcement for occupational trade licenses

Frank DaCato reported on the most recent meeting regarding enforcement, which was held at the L.O.B. and is an independent, multi-trade, union and non-union group of concerned persons. Those in attendance discussed their concerns and suggested possible changes within DCP that may lead to more effective enforcement. Nothing was finalized; however, it was a very positive and productive meeting. The next meeting will be held at the L.O.B. on November 6, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., at which these ideas will be explored further.

2. Residential sprinkler system licensing requirements

The following correspondence items regarding this topic were distributed and reviewed by the Board:

- **PEX tubing for multipurpose fire sprinkler plumbing system**
- **Installation of water mist fire protection systems, which are not considered fire sprinkler systems**
- **2013 NFPA 13: Installation of sprinkler systems 4-day seminar**
- **Fire Protection Residential RSG DPS Code Section P2904**
- **Legislative proposal titled, “Residential Multipurpose Plumbing and Fire Sprinkler Systems Draft Legislation”**
- **Reliable Model MP LL 1” Residential Riser**

The following correspondence item was distributed by Chairperson Charles Appleby and reviewed by the Board:

- ***Sprinkler Can Save Lives, Hartford Courant, September 29, 2013.***

The Board will discuss this topic further at the November 7, 2013 meeting. In particular, the legislative proposal titled, “Residential Multipurpose Plumbing and Fire Sprinkler Systems Draft Legislation” will be further explored.

3. Notice of Tentative Decision for General Permit for the Discharge of Low Flow Water Treatment Wastewater

- General Permit for the Discharge of Low Flow Water Treatment Wastewater, Draft version

The Board so noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Continuing Education Changes 2014 - 2015

Board member Frank DaCato presented a document in draft form outlining the 2014-15 CEU Plumbing Section Changes for the Board's review. Due to the large number of code changes coming up in 2015, the upcoming continuing education cycle will be challenging, therefore, the Board discussed various ways in which to address these changes in order to educate licensees appropriately and thoroughly.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the following changes for 2014-2015 continuing education cycle for P-1 and P-2 license holders:

- 1) Increase the hours required for journeyman license holders from 5 to 7 hours.
- 2) The course content for P-1 and P-2 classes shall be based on 2012 Plumbing and IRC Codes changes only.
- 3) 2012 Code Books are mandatory. Each student must either bring a book or purchase one from the facilitator.

Frank DaCato will submit the final version of this document on the November 7 meeting. Also, a curriculum outline must be prepared and approved by the Commissioner of DCP.

2. OSHA requirements

Board member Frank DaCato reported on recent legislative changes regarding OSHA requirements for plumbing and electrical license holders. Specifically, these licensees are only required to have four hours of classroom training every five years to keep their OSHA requirements current.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Continuing education requirements for plumbing licensees

The Board so noted.

DCP COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

The Board reviewed the current complaint status report submitted by Trade Practices Division and noted that limited enforcement was shown.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule:

9:00 a.m. in Room 117 at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

- **November 7 – Thursday**
- **December 5 – Thursday**